California Student Aid Commission



California Dream Act Application

2018 CASFAA Conference Palm Desert, CA





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2019-20 California Dream Act Application

Eligibility





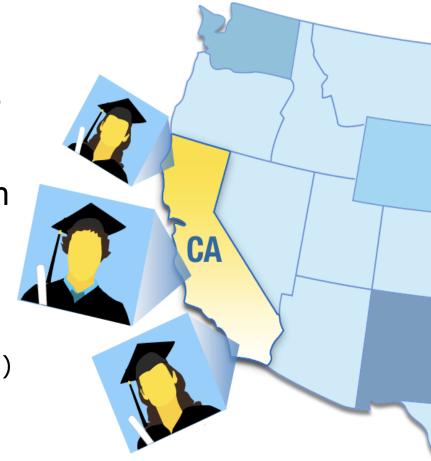
California Dream Act - What is it?

Often referred to as AB 540

Comprised of 5 bills and made into law

Exempts eligible students from paying non-resident tuition at California public colleges

- AB 540 (passed in 2001)
- AB 130 and AB 131 (passed in 2011)
- **AB 2000** (passed in 2014)
- SB 68 (passed in 2018)





Senate Bill 68 Expansion

- SB 68 benefits students who did not complete three years of high school in California
- SB 68 benefits students who do not have a California High School Diploma or did not get their GED in California
- SB 68 allows students to count full-time attendance at a California Community College, Adult School, Department of Rehabilitation and Correction School, High School, or combination of these schools to meet the 3 years required to be eligible for in-state tuition
- Students are able to use an Associate's Degree or the fulfillment of the minimum transfer requirements for the UCs or CSUs to meet the requirements



Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

Meet all requirements:

TIME AND COURSEWORK

☐ Attendance for 3+ years (or the equivalent) at any of the following schools in California

-OR-

 □ 3+ years of earned High School <u>credits</u> with **a total** of 3+ years of total <u>attendance</u> at any of the following schools in California



- ☐ High School
- □ Adult School
- Community College
 - Max. 2 years of attendance in <u>credit</u> courses can be used towards 3 year requirement



- Elementary School
- Middle School
- ☐ High School
 - Min. of 3 years total at any combination of these schools to qualify





Non-resident Tuition Exemption Requirements

Degree or Transfer Requirements

- ☐ Graduation from a CA High School (or the equivalent, GED, HiSET, TASC, CHSPE) or
- ☐ Earned an associate's degree from a CA Community College **or**
- Met the minimum requirements to transfer to a CSU or UC

Register or enroll at an accredited institution in CA

Non-resident Tuition Exemption Form

☐ File with the college or university (AB 540 affidavit)



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Visas & TPS

Visa holders are not eligible to file CADAA nor FAFSA, with these exceptions:

T Visa:

File FAFSA

U Visa:

File CADAA (Student does not file the Affidavit)

TPS:

- Temporary Protected Status (TPS) allows a person to live and work in the United States for a specific time period, but does not lead to U.S. permanent residence (a green card)
- File CADAA



DACA and the Dream Act Application Please let your students know:

- DACA <u>is not</u> required to qualify for non-resident tuition exemption
- DACA <u>is not</u> required to complete CA Dream Act Application
- DACA <u>will not</u> impact the ability for students to continue receiving financial aid



Dreamers should apply for or renew their California Dream Act Application each year

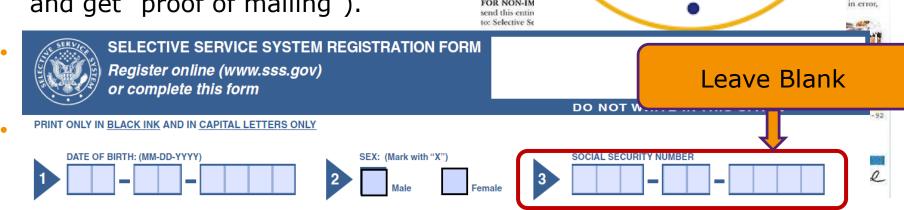


Selective Service Registration

Per CA Education Code 69400Selective Service registration is a *requirement* to receive <u>state</u> financial aid.

- Males between 18-25 must register (regardless of immigration status)
- Do not need an SSN to register
- No DACA SSN Mail Paper registration form (make a copy and get "proof of mailing").





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Updates & Changes







2019-20 CADAA Changes

Clarifying language for users on the log-in page to prevent duplicate applications

Repositioned buttons to more intuitive locations on the log-in page

Pop-up message will appear on the demographic page to confirm name/DOB info

Help and Hints Text Boxes will have clarifying language

Parental signature requirement made increasingly visible

SB 68 language added to the pre-determination questions

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The Application







When To Apply:

October 1 – March 2

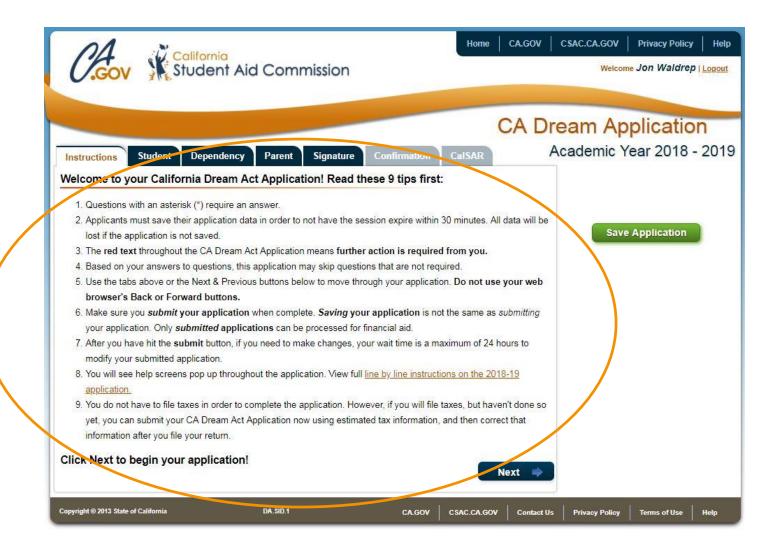
Who Can Apply?

- Undocumented Students
- With or without DACA
- TPS Status
- U Visa Holders

Additional Requirements

- Must apply and qualify for the non-resident tuition exemption in order to be eligible for state aid
- Males 18-25 yrs. old must register for Selective Service

https://dream.csac.ca.gov/

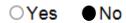


Welcome!

The following question(s) will determine if it is best for you to complete the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for financial aid consideration.

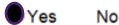


The California Dream Act Application uses skip logic to help determine AB 540 eligibility Do you have a social security number?





Do you meet the eligibility criteria below?





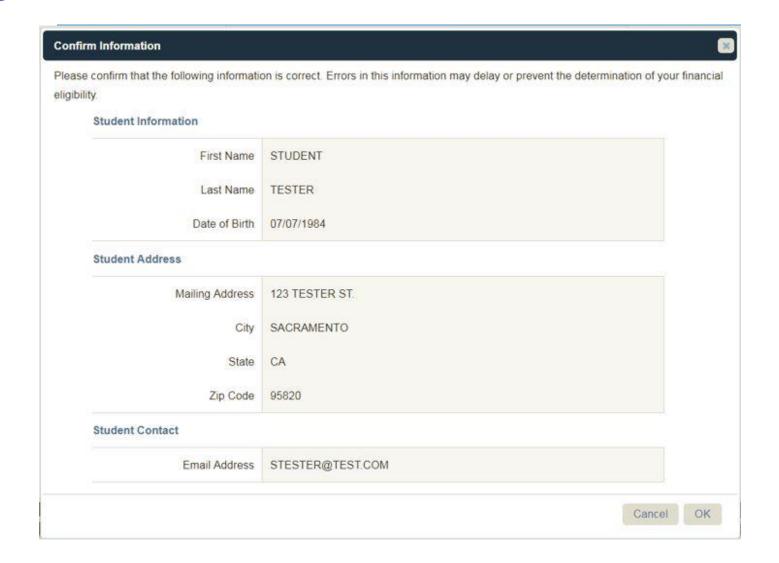
- 1. Satisfaction of either of the following:
 - A. High school attendance in California for three or more years, OR
 - B. Attainment of credits earned in California from a California high school equivalent to three or more years of full-time high school coursework and a total of three or more years of attendance in California elementary schools, California secondary schools, or a combination of those schools. OR
 - C. Attainment of credits earned at a California adult school, OR
 - D. Credits earned at a California Community College, OR
 - E. A combination of the schools listed above
- Graduated or will graduate from a California high school, OR
 attainment of General Education Development (GED), High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or
 Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), OR
 Attainment of an associate degree from a California Community College, OR
 Fulfillment of minimum transfer requirements from a California Community College to a University of
 California or California state University, AND
- 3. Will register or enroll in an accredited and qualifying California college or university, AND
- 4. If applicable, complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible, AND
- 5. Do not hold a valid non-immigrant visa (F, J, H, L, A, B, C, D, E, etc.) *

*If you have Temporary Protected Status or hold a U Visa select "Yes"

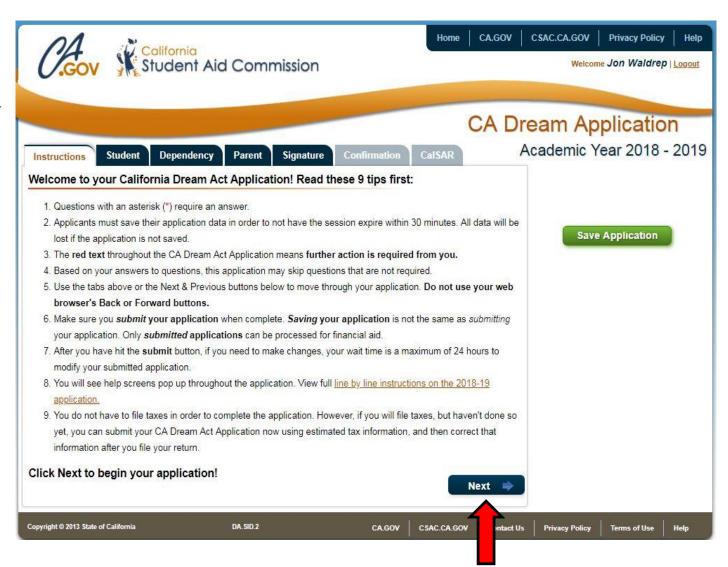
Based on the responses you provided, you **are** eligible to file a California Dream Act Application.

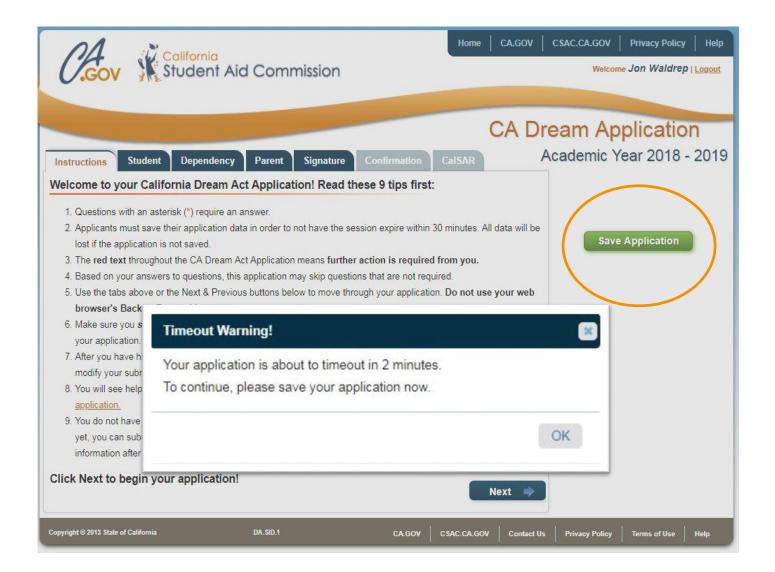
Click the link below to begin your California Dream Act Application

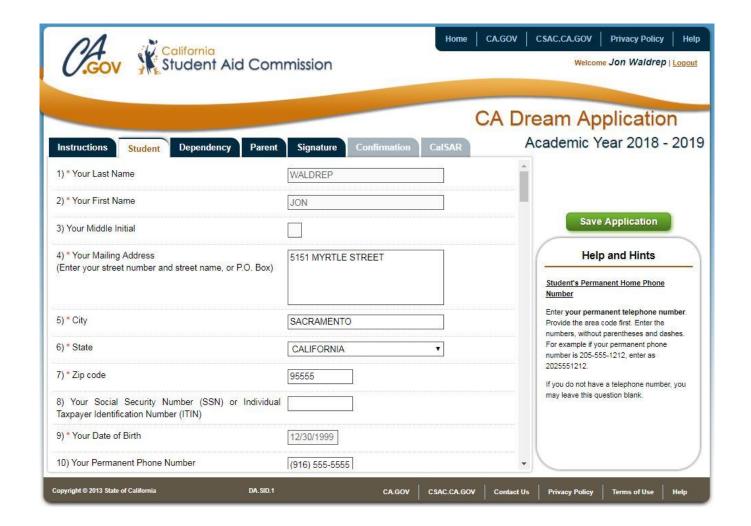


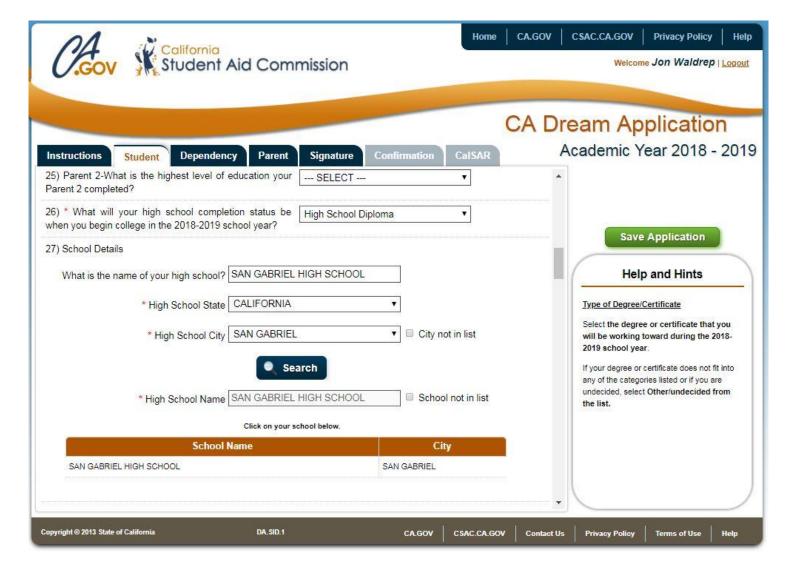


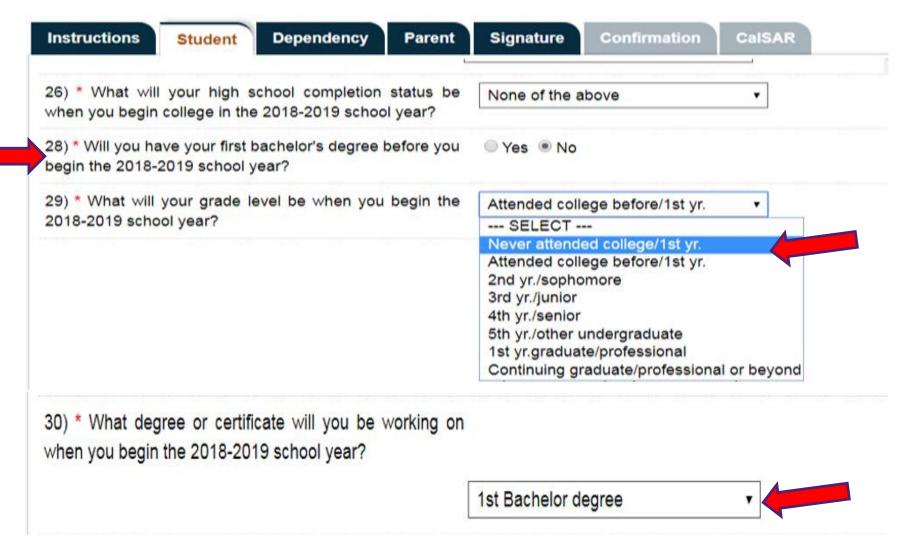


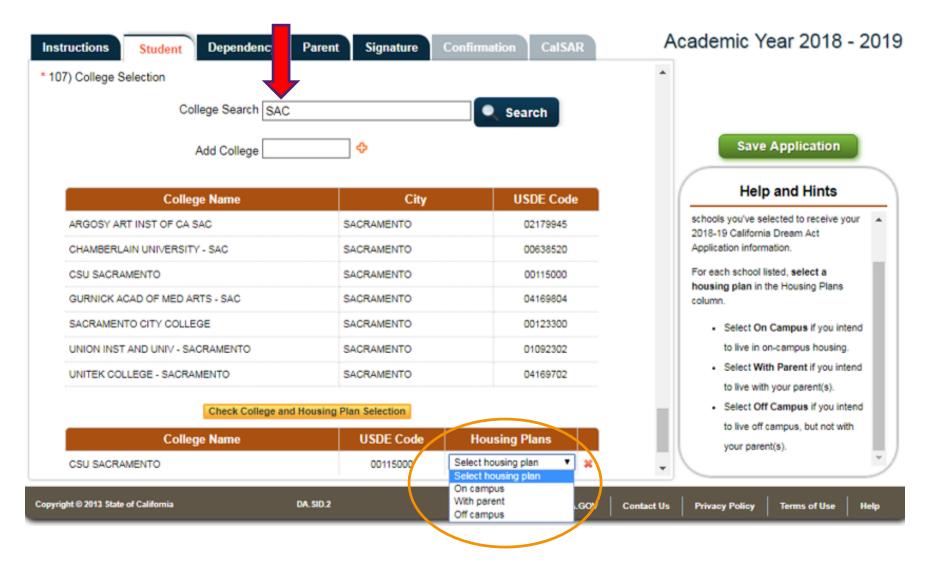












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Instructions

Student

Dependency

Parent

Signature

Confirmation

CalSAR

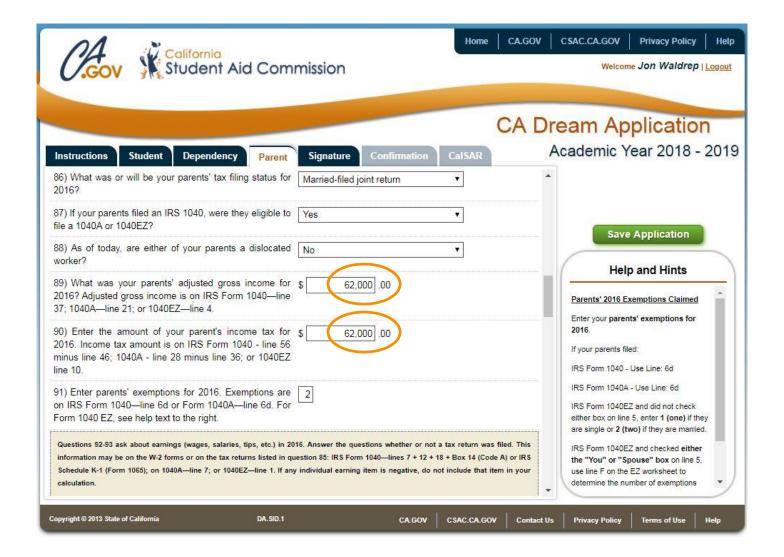
77) * How many people in your parents' household? Be sure to include:

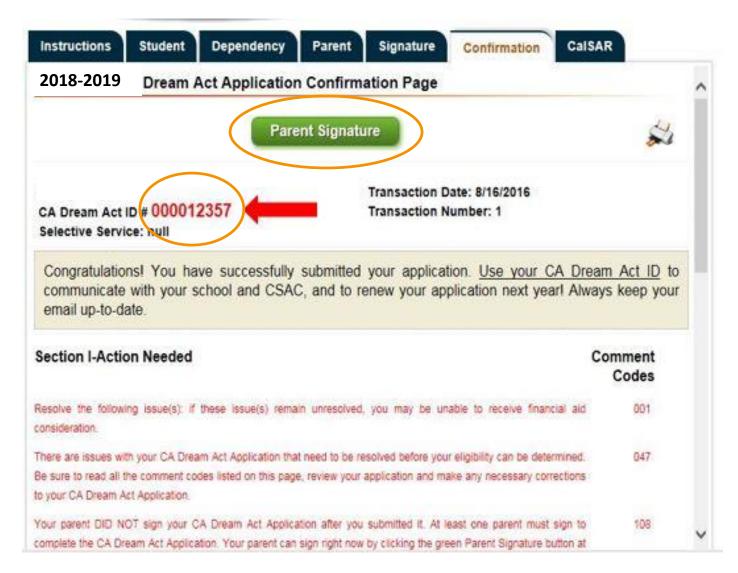
- · yourself, even if you don't live with your parents,
- · your parents,
- your parents' other children even if they do not live with your parents if (a) your parents will provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019, or (b) the children could answer "No" to questions 46 through 58, and
- other people if they now live with your parents, your parents provide more than half of their support, and your parents will continue to provide more than half of their support between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

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78) * How many people in your parents' household (from question 77) will be college students between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019? Always count yourself as a college student. Do not include your parents. You may include others, **only** if they will attend at least half time in a program that leads to a college degree or certificate in 2018-2019.

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Financial Aid for Dreamers



California

Colorado

Connecticut

Florida

Illinois

Kansas

Maryland

Minnesota

Nebraska

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

Oregon

Texas

Utah

Virginia

Washington

District of Columbia



States offering in-state tuition to Dreamers

Hawaii Maine Michigan Oklahoma Rhode Island



State university systems offering instate tuition to Dreamers



Available Aid for Dreamers in CA

- Cal Grant & Middle Class Scholarship
- Chafee Grant (Current and former foster youth)
- UC University Grant
- CSU State University Grant
- California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG)
- Student Success Completion Grant
- Educational Opportunity Program Services (EOPS)
- Work Study Programs (*check with the school)
- Private Scholarships



DREAM Loans

- Only available at CSU and UC
- Limited funding available



- Each campus determines student eligibility & amounts a student may borrow
- Maximum subsidized award amount \$4,000 each year
- Maximum lifetime amount \$20,000

California Dreamers Today

Challenges





Dreamer to Permanent Resident

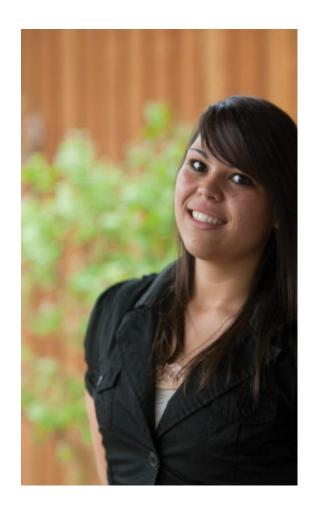


- Students should fill out the application that correlates to their current status on the "day of" completing the application – even if their Permanent Residency is pending
- Immediately upon receiving their Permanent Residency (and not before) the student should complete and submit a FAFSA
- Once completed, students should contact CSAC for assistance and to "convert" their Cal Grant award if required.



Top Reasons Not Awarded

- Application saved or incomplete before March 2nd deadline
- Missing parent signature
- GPA not matched to CADAA
- Inaccurate income and/or asset information
- Selective Service not completed or school not able to verify (male students 18-25)
- Incomplete verification
- Student completes FAFSA erroneously
- Confusion at college level (financial aid vs. admissions) about Dream Act eligibility





Verification

- CSAC randomly selects 20% of all completed CA Dream Act Applications for verification
- Use the Federal V1 Standard Verification Group
 - Refer to FSA Handbook/Verification Guide
- Complete verification prior to disbursing funds



General Information

- Once the CADAA is signed and successfully submitted, the application information will be sent to all colleges listed
- Because the CADAA is proprietary to CSAC, we can generally help students or schools quickly troubleshoot common issues
- Students must renew the CADAA each academic year
- If there are significant changes in income, or other major life changes, students should contact the Financial Aid Office of their college

Resources





CADAA Demo

CSAC offers a demo site for administrators to test the 2019-20 CADAA

<u>https://training.csac.ca.gov/DreamApp_TRN/De</u> <u>fault.aspx</u>

E4FC is now Immigrants Rising

Empowering undocumented young people to achieve educational and career goals through personal, institutional and policy transformation

Visit ImmigrantsRising.org





Ad-Hoc Trainings and Webinars



- Financial Aid Nights
- Dreamer Conferences
- College Fairs

- High School Groups
- Tailored Webinars



Need more information? Contact our Institutional Support Unit.



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- FREE financial aid workshops
- Over 1,000 events were held throughout California during the 2018-19 application cycle
- Open to students and parents
- Any school or organization can host workshops

To host a workshop:

For workshop registration, order materials, access training and resources, please visit: www.Cash4College.org









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